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Electric vehicle charge fees begin June 1

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The move to raise the cost of electric vehicle charging stations is set to go into effect next week.

The mayor's office this week issued a press release announcing the new price for charging will be in effect on June 1.

There are seven electric charging stations throughout the Town of Agawam.

There were a number of arguments about changing the cost of the stations and it generated a number of public comments believing a fee would suppress the expansion of electric vehicle use.

But the arguments against town taxpayers paying for the use of the charging stations won out and a rate of 60 cents per kilowatt hour was passed by a 9-1 vote of the council on March 15.

Originally, the town administration had proposed a fee of \$1.00

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Lacrosse action



PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

Marissa Hermans circles the goal looking to make a shot during an Agawam girls lacrosse game at Minnechaug High School last Thursday night. Agawam lost by a goal in overtime. More photos on page 7.

Capital plan kept lean during next few years

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council voted in favor of the mayor's Capital Improvement Plan 9-0, while also weighing on some of the items being proposed over the next half-decade.

The Capital Improvement Program was presented to the public last Monday night. The plan outlines capital needs of the town over the next five years.

Mayor William Sapelli presented the capital program, starting by expressing the uncertainty the town had gone through during the last year.

"When we presented last year, we were in a pandemic," said Sapelli. "We have a lot of needs and we were not sure what revenues we would have. We slashed a lot of items. But those needs have not gone away. We have those and we have new needs this year."

Sapelli said the town is fiscally conservative in the proposal for FY2022 in an effort to keep costs down.

Among the reductions Town Treasurer Laurel Placzek showed was \$310,000 for a street sweeper.

She said the town has funds in the current fiscal year budget to purchase the sweeper, thus making it unnecessary to have in the capital plan for FY2022.

Another adjustment was a reduction in capital spending on roads and sidewalks. Placzek explained money was appropriated to make up for the reductions in the capital plans, and the town will end up spending more money on roads and sidewalks this year than initially planned.

For borrowing, the town will seek to borrow for the Tuckahoe Turf Dam repair at a cost of about \$2 million. There are also sewer and water projects, but they are funded by the user fees collected by those enterprise funds, including debt service in the case of a borrowing.

Placzek mentioned the roof replacement at Agawam High School, saying \$1.8 million is needed for the roof in FY2023, but funding may not be needed if the town can obtain funds from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

One part of the proposal that brought forth some debate was

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New public works superintendent introduced

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Mario Mazza was introduced as the new Department of Public Works Superintendent last Monday night at the Agawam City Council meeting.

Mazza takes over for Christopher Golba, who retired.

Mazza's career began with the City of Springfield as a comptroller, and has continued in the public works sector for more than two decades.

Mazza introduced himself to the council and is eager to make a positive impact in Agawam.

"I spent 16 years working my way through the ranks and till I reached the deputy superintendent," he said. "In 2015, I was offered the position of director of the DPW in Longmeadow."

He served Longmeadow for five years, continuing to grow in the field. He said Longmeadow had divisions the DPW in Springfield did not have, allowing him

to learn even more. He worked in Longmeadow until the position in Agawam opened up following Golba's retirement.

He thanked the town for the opportunity to serve the community.

Mazza began working for the town eight weeks ago and has spent much of his time getting familiar with the operations, staff, and learning about the various projects going on.

"We have a lot going on," he told the city council. "As you probably already know."

He talked about the different projects both in process and those that will be completed soon. He mentioned the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge area work will be completed soon, and said the town would soon be starting with this year's work on roads and sidewalks. The town has a program of resurfacing and repairing roads each year using Chapter 90 funds as

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Decorating School Street Park



PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

A display of decorative rocks has been worked on over the past few weeks promoting town spirit at School Street Park. The display can be found near the bridge leading to the full size baseball diamond.



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Final Applause Series performance features GOZA

AGAWAM – The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series – presented virtually for the entire seventeenth season due to the coronavirus pandemic, will conclude on June 4 with a program of exciting Latin music and dance rhythms by GOZA (Spanish for joy). The concert, originally recorded on April 5, 2019, will be broadcast on the Town of Agawam's public access channel (Agawam TV15) at 7 p.m. and streamed from the "Watch" button on www.agawammedia.tv for those residing outside of Agawam. This performance is also being shown on the Town of Southwick's TV15 at 7 p.m. and streamed from the "Watch Channel 15" button on www.southwickma.org/channel-15-public-access. Those who wish to watch on a smart device at a different time should email r.kadis@comcast.net for a link for the performance.

GOZA is an engaging Latin/Latin Jazz musical ensemble comprised of Connecticut's most seasoned and versatile musicians who perform exciting music and dance rhythms from Latin America, Brazil and Spain with guitar, violin, horns, Latin percussion and beautiful, romantic vocals. GOZA rhythms include: samba, rumba, cha-cha, salsa, cumbia, flamenco, tango, and bolero, and numbers by Jobim, Tito Puente, Gipsy Kings, Buena Vista, Rollins and Dizzy, as well as original compositions. GOZA is made up of: Dave Giardina, guitarist and director; Karina Hernandez, violin/vocals; Brian Wallace, trumpet/flugelhorn; and Asher Delorme, percussion. Giardina has studied jazz, classical and flamenco guitar in the United States and Spain with masters such as Sal Salvador, Paco Pena, Manuel Barrueco, Sharon Isbin and Joe Beck. Hernandez is a native of Mexico City, where, at age eight, she began violin studies and voice and music theory lessons at



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The finale of the seventeenth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series will be a performance of the Latin Jazz Ensemble GOZA, to be broadcast on the Towns of Agawam's and Southwick's public access channels and streamed at 7 p.m. on June 4. Clockwise from top left: Karina Hernandez (violin/vocals); Asher Delorme (percussion); Brian Wallace (trumpet/flugelhorn); and Dave Giardina (guitarist/director)

the prestigious Escuela Nacional de Musica de la UNAM. Currently a music teacher in Tampa, Florida, she comes north often

to play with Goza. Wallace was a member Massachusetts Northeast District Jazz Band under the direction of Jazz legend

Hugh Pomeroy and has performed at the Montreal Jazz Fest. Delorme is one of Connecticut's most versatile and accomplished percussionists, and has performed with jazz luminaries Hilton Ruiz, Paquito De Rivera, Dr. Billy Taylor, Jay Hoggard, Foday Musa Suso, Marion Meadows as well as the great Pete Seeger.

Production sponsors for GOZA are the Grandfield Family and People's United Bank. The Agawam Cultural Council also thanks the Agawam Special Police, Elaine Carlson, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, OMG, Inc., and the Southwick Cultural Council for their generous support as Applause Series season sponsors.

In lieu of the free will donations the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC) normally accepts at the conclusion of all its events, (which support fully 40% of the cost of each performance), the council asks viewers to consider making a properly "socially distanced" donation to support efforts to "Give Back to the Community" by visiting the ACC web site www.agawamcc.org and clicking on the green "Donate" button. A check in any amount, payable to the Agawam Cultural Council, may also be sent to: Agawam Cultural Council, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam MA 01001.

For more information on the activities and virtual offerings of the Agawam Cultural Council during this time of social distancing, please visit their web site, www.agawamcc.org. The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

ACC presents drumming program

AGAWAM – On Wednesday, June 2, from 6 to 7 p.m., The Agawam Cultural Council will present "Community Drum Circle" with Tim Kane. Kane will connect with others in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with a COVID-safe, socially distant environment while they explore world beats and make music. All ages and

experience levels are welcome to the program and to pre-register, email Tim Kane at tim@kanedrums.com. Sanitized hand drums will be provided for up to 20 people. Participants can also bring their own drums. Please bring a lawn chair. The program will be held in the band shell at School Street Park.

Garden Club sale set for June 5

AGAWAM – Agawam Garden Club is planning its annual plant sale for Saturday, June 5. This year's event will be held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church 21 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills and will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Perennials from members gardens, along with annuals and vegeta-

bles will be on sale. All at bargain prices. Proceeds from the sale go towards funding the club's scholarship. In compliance with current covid guidelines masks and social distancing will be observed. Please check the club's website for further information. agawamgardenclub.com

EB's helping raise money for library

AGAWAM – The Friends of the Agawam Public Library invites the public to join and help raise funds through EB's Chicken Give Back Monday's Fundraising Program on Monday, June 14, 2021, 3 to 8 p.m. at EB's located

on 383 Walnut Street Extension, in Agawam, MA Phone: (413) 789-3525 ebrestaurants.com. 10% of the day's total food sales (dine-in, take-out and delivery) will benefit the Agawam Public Library.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's

AGAWAM – All are welcome and invited to join us at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, for Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesdays, 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. with Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. Come and spend some time in quiet prayer with our Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist.

ARREST LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 910 calls for service from May 17 to May 23 and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, May 21

Dominica Rivera, 20, of 1579 St. Vincent St., Utica, N.Y. was arrested at 7:51 p.m. for trespassing.

Public meetings to resume by July 1

AGAWAM – Mayor William P. Sapelli is pleased to announce that all town public boards will resume in person meetings that will be open to the general public no later than July 1. Governor Baker has announced that the Commonwealth's State of Emergency will expire June 15, 2021.

"We are thrilled to get back to the normal order of board meetings with the public able to attend in person," said Mayor Sapelli.

Most board meetings will be held at the

Senior Center. The town library is undergoing renovations and the Agawam Senior Center has adequate space and equipment to accommodate meetings in a safe setting.

Effective May 29, the state mask mandate will be lifted. Vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear a mask when attending a public meeting. Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue to wear masks (especially indoors) and comply with social distancing requirements. Self-enforcement is encouraged.

Free lunch for veterans begins June 1

AGAWAM – A free lunch for veterans (plus one guest) will be served on a monthly basis beginning Tuesday, June 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St, Feeding Hills. Future luncheons will be held on the first Tuesday of every month (same location and time).

The Agawam Lions Club is pleased to partner with the Building Bridges Veterans Initiative, a program of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, to provide

these meals. Building Bridges luncheons are offered on a monthly basis in other local communities as well. For more information, please visit <https://www.buildingbridgeswma.com>. Please help us spread the word to veterans, families, and friends in our community. It is our pleasure to serve you!

For more information on the Agawam Lions Club and our upcoming community events and service projects, please visit us on Facebook or at www.agawamlions.org.

Community Grange hosting Strawberry Shortcake 'to-go' luncheon

AGAWAM – Community Grange #382 of Feeding Hills will hold a Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon "to-go" on Saturday, June 19. The Grange Hall is located at 47 North West Street in Feeding Hills. Pick-up hours will be 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu will consist of a hearty sandwich served

with homemade macaroni salad and baked beans. Dessert will be a strawberry shortcake. Also included will be a choice of a cold beverage. Donation is \$8. Please pre-order your meals by calling (413) 789-2061. The public is invited to attend. Proceeds will benefit Grange activities.

Corpus Christi Procession at St. Johns

AGAWAM – Join us at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic Procession, Sunday June 6, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass, to the town green.

The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates

the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the Holy Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration will follow as we process back to the entrance of the church, ending at sunset. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful encounter of the true presence of Christ among us. The event will be held weather permitting.

Schools & Youth

Agawam Junior High School Third Term Honor Roll

Grade 7
Jordin Agosto, Jason Albro, Dawood Atanane, Abdul-Kareem Awkal, Cecelia Baldyga, Maddie Balzano, Anthony Barbarini, Parker Bean, Samuel Beckwith, Brady Blanchette, Andrew Boucher, Hope Bradlee, Maximilian Bradlee, Jaiden Briotta, Abigail Brown, Nicholas Brown, Ruslan Bubuz, Noah Bushnik, Carlina Calabrese, Donna Carrier, Maggie Carrier, Aidan Caulley, Vincy Cheung, Dominic Chriscola, Chloe Clark, Heidi Clarke, Maci Clayton, Thomas Connery, Dharbi Cooper, Grade DeCaro, Omar Elgendy, Brayden Federico, Mikhail Fedotov, Eva Feuerstein, Lucas Fillion, Megan Fitzgerald, Alison Fox, Sydney Frasier, Brady Gagnon, Kayleigh Garvey, Chase Gerani, Evelyn Gionfriddo, Juliana Giordano, Connor Glynn, Avery Gordon, Liam Grealis, Gabriella Grechka, Aiden Guzman, Ryan Haglund, Fatimah Hameed, Cooper Hermans, Brody Hollister, Cole Ingham, Shreya Jha, Juliet Johnson, Patrick Keating, Nolan King, Alliah Kotjahasan, Sarah Kriebel, Angelina Kripakova, Isabel-

la Laprise, Sophia Laprise, Matilda Laroche, Mia Laudato, Aiden Lavelle, Marissa Leary, Alexina Lentos, Jason Liacos, Nolan Longo, Kiley Lukas, Kayla Lukin, Michael Lukomski, Samantha Machos, Finnola Mahoney, Payton Malanson, Kaitlyn Maloney, Chloe McCarthy, Catherine Merigian, Brandon Metras, Arianna Michaelis, Neve Mickiewicz, Trevor Midura, Eva Montagna, Aaiden Moore, Daniel Morgun, Keira Murphy, Hannah Newsome, Alexander Nguyen, Joey Nguyen, Isabella Novak, Zachary O'Connor, Destiny Ortiz, Mia Oyler, Alani Pacheco Martinez, Emily Paquette, Thomas Poulin, Sophia Raymond, Avaree Riley, Madison Rios, JanaRose Robbins, Timothy Rua, Jason Ruge, Daniel Ruha, Annabelle Ryan, Tyler Saroglou, Emily Scott, Brandon Seibert, Sofia Shevchuk, Timothy Sholopa, Giuliana Silva, Ethan Stack, Taylor Stairs, Andrea Sypek, Lilly Teixeira, Aiden Therrien, Jayden Tonelli, Domenic Tourigny, Ella Ukrainets, Olivia Unglaub, Toni Vassallo, Ayden Vrijenhoek, Josiah Wyner, David Zhmaidziak, Annita Zimokha

Grade 8
David Abramchuk, Mariah Aponte, Matias Barbour, Leah Barker, Arianna Bashinskiy, Alyssa Beaver, Kyra Benard, Shayna Bennett, Meghan Berthiaume, Jolene Bertone-Gross, Lucas Blackak, Tanner Blake, Gabriella Bouchard, Lillianna Bruneau, Sofia Calvanese, Autumn Carmen, Vincent Catelotti, Lucy Chivers, Leah Chobotaru, Katelyn Cleavall, Evan Connery, Gabriela Cosentini, John Cote, Victoria Cuello, Joseph Culhane, Eric Daris, Samantha Dean, Shane Defilipi, Aiden Deforge, Ashley Deforge, Trevor Del Barba, Allison Deveno, Joseph Donovan, Kyle Douglas, Abigail Drumm, Ava Elias, Hannah Emmons, Alexandra Fillion, Nicholas Fontaine, Teagan Fullam, Juliana Garcia, Emma Gendron, EmmaAnn Gilbert, Nadine Gilbert, Jonathan Gingeruha, Emily Gonzalez, Jayden Gonzalez, Hailey Goulet, Vivian Gouvin, Emma Grabiec, Natalie Hall, Lucille Hildreth, Marybeth Hinshaw, Maxwell Holloway, Sebastian Howard, Margaret Ireland, Faith Jodoin, Riley Jorgensen, Ryan

Kenny, Minje Kim, Matthew Krause, Joseph Kravetz, Emma LaCaresse, Kaitlyn LaFrance, Angelina Lavrenchuk, Ronald Le, Chistopher Lewwell, Max Leverson, Vincenzo Liquori, Jonathan Lopez, Ava Machado, Noah Manale, Brianna Manes, Kaitlyn Mansur, Noella Marsh, Alivia McKay, Erin McLaughlin, Kaylie Menard, Elina Michelakis, Colby Mikuszewski, Marlee Montagna, Bryan Moore, Grace Moriarty, Maximillian Mudrenko, Ahminah Murchison, Ahmiyah Murchison, Michael Natale, Arianna Nivar, Jordan Nuzzolilli, Rachel Obegenski, Victoria Okyere, Isabella Oliveira, Madison Oyler, Joseph Parent, Hannah Parker, Caleb Phillips, Addison Quenneville, Makenzie Richard, Lucas Ritson, Christina Ritter, Adam Ross, Yusuf Sarhan, Nazar Sereda, Gavin Shlosser, Michael Sibilia, Bryson Smith, Isabella Spaulding, Madison Sullivan, Kathryn Szabla, Melih Tomak, Rian Villareal, Salvatore Vivenzio, Nikita Vorobey, Caleb White, Genevieve White, Konnor Widmer, John Yi, Arda Yilmaz, Anna Zhao

Agawam High School Counseling Bulletin

Reminders:
All students should be checking their Naviance accounts on a regular basis. There is so much valuable information for all students, whether you're headed directly into the work force, the military, or college upon graduation from AHS. If you can't access your account, please be in touch with your School Counselor.

Open Houses/Informational Sessions/Discovery Days:
Colleges and universities will be hosting information and recruitment events, in a variety of formats, in the next couple of months. Check the colleges' websites for more information and to confirm the date and time of the event. While campus vis-

its may look and feel different during this time, it is important to take advantage of these programs to learn as much as you can about the schools that are of interest to you.

Special Interest:
Westfield State University will offer multiple sessions of its SAT Online Summer Institute for high school students, starting June 14. The cost of the program is \$499, which includes all books and materials, as well as access to online resources through the end of the year. For more information, contact Brandon Fredette at bfredette@westfield.ma.edu or 413-572-8033.

Scholarship Information:

See your counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.
The Hampden County 4-H Youth Special Fund is available for students who have shown current or previous involvement in an agricultural endeavor and are members of a farm family or 4-H Club (verification necessary). Preference will be given to students majoring in agriculture studies. The applicant must be a resident of Hampden County for a minimum of two years. Scholarships shall be payable to the college during the second semester of the first year. Official Transcripts of the first semester must be received by Jan. 16, 2022 before payment is made. Scholarships may be renewable upon application if a 2.2 cumulative GPA is maintained, and a minimum of 24 credit hours is completed each year. Applications are available in Naviance and must be post marked or received by June 1. Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with their scholarship program for the 15th year. This scholarship will be awarding up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) each year. Scholarship Deadline is June 12. Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears at abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm. Applications for the WiseGeek LGBTQ+ Scholarship are now available. Students who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ Awareness community can apply for this \$500 scholarship (deadline of July 1) at wisegeek.com/lgbtq-awareness-scholarship.htm.

Westfield State to offer SAT Online Summer Institute

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University will offer multiple sessions of its SAT Online Summer Institute for high school students, starting June 14.
In partnership with Educational Testing Consultants Inc., the SAT Online Summer Institute provides 20 hours of live, online instruction offered in multiple formats, including a condensed two-week session. Multiple sessions will be held, making it convenient for students to choose the time and format that works best for them to study and develop the essential test-taking skills

needed to do well on the exam. Students receive an in-depth review of the exam content, strategies for improving their scores, and a comprehensive study plan.
The cost of the SAT Online Summer Institute is \$499, which includes all books and materials as well as access to online resources through the end of the year. For more information, contact Brandon Fredette at bfredette@westfield.ma.edu or 413-572-8033. To register online for any of the available sessions, visit www.westfield.ma.edu/testprep.

SNHU announces winter 2021 President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.
Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by

earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.
Juste Gavelyte, Cole Klafeta, and Kayla Reynolds of Agawam, and Nadim Ghaname and Sara Coache of Feeding Hills were all named to the President's List.

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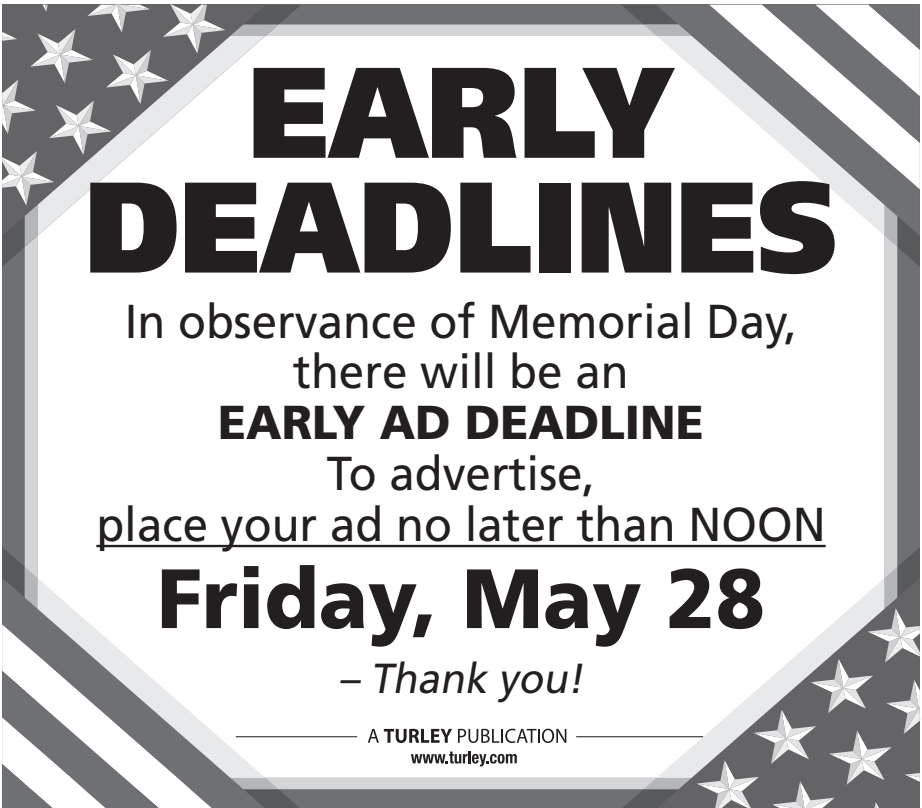
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Guest Column

Tomato planting 101

With the quintessential frost-free target date of Memorial Day just days away, I think it's the perfect time to encourage folks to give gardening a try. Growing tomatoes is a good place to start. First, because growing them is relatively easy and secondly, because you will be delighted with a great return for your investment of a little money and some time. No supermarket tomato could ever compare to one that is homegrown and sun-ripened.

First of all, head to the local nursery and select a plant. There are many varieties to choose from. Do you prefer slicing tomatoes, cherry or pear-shaped for salads, or meaty paste types? If you plan on growing your tomato in a patio container, it may be best to settle on a determinate or bush type that will require next to no staking and will remain tidy in its pot.

Find a spot in your yard that gets at least six hours of sun a day. Less than that and you will have more leaves than fruit. If necessary, remove existing sod to accommodate your plant(s). Tomatoes should be spaced about 18 inches to two feet away from one another. For one plant prepare a section two feet wide by two feet deep. Now, go ahead a dig a fairly deep hole. How deep depends on the size of your transplant. Since tomatoes have the ability to form roots along their stem, plan on burying one-half to three-quarters of the stem in addition to the root ball. Don't worry; although this planting depth sounds extreme, it will be better for the plant in the long run. In my experience, a cup or two of well-rotted manure or aged compost mixed with the soil in the bottom of the planting hole along with a sprinkling of balanced organic fertilizer is all the



food your tomatoes will need during the growing season.

If you plan on growing your tomato in a container, choose one that is at least a foot wide and deeper if possible. Fill it 50/50 with potting soil and garden loam or compost. The blend will be lightweight and nutritious.

Tomatoes need support in the form of a cage or tall bamboo stakes wrapped with twine at regular intervals. Although your transplants may seem puny now, go ahead and install

the supports at planting time. Once planting is complete be sure to give them a hearty drink. Continue to water every other day for the first week or so if nature doesn't provide adequate rainfall. Watering at the base of the plant will direct water to the roots and keep most of the foliage dry. A good practice in disease prevention. Once the plants are established, a deep watering

twice a week is all that is necessary. Mulch of some kind, be it straw, grass clippings, chopped leaves or even sheets of newspaper will keep the weeds down and conserve moisture; some say it also helps to prevent disease by preventing backsplash onto the foliage.

Often times experts recommend pruning away the suckers that form between the main stem and side shoots. If you do you will have fruit that is bigger, but in smaller quantities. Most of all, don't worry about the rules and regulations, just do your best and have fun with your first gardening experience.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekenedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



What is the best time to claim Social Security?

By Russell Gloor

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Dear Rusty: I will be 64 in May of this year, and I'd like to know the best time to claim Social Security. Signed: Anxious to Retire

Dear Anxious: First, please understand that there is no one "best time" to claim your Social Security benefit, because when you should claim depends upon several factors, such as:

- Your current health
- Your life expectancy
- Your immediate financial need
- Whether you are married
- Whether you are still working

When you should claim also depends upon your personal benefit goals. For example, if you wish to maximize your monthly Social Security benefit amount, you can best do that by simply waiting until age 70 to claim. For each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA), your Social Security benefit will grow by 8%, up to age 70 when you get the maximum you're entitled to. If you are married and die first, that

will also provide your widow with a higher benefit as your survivor if your wife's own benefit is less than yours. But waiting until age 70 to maximize isn't for everyone.

If you are in poor health and don't expect to enjoy at least average longevity (about 84 for a man your age now), then claiming earlier would be prudent. But claiming earlier also means a smaller benefit. Your full retirement age (FRA) is when you get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. Your FRA is 66 ½ and if you wait longer than that you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of .667% for each full month you delay. That means that if you delay until 70, your Social Security benefit will be 28% more than it would be at your FRA. But if you claim before you have reached your FRA, your benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each full month earlier than your FRA that you claim. If, for example, you claim your Social Security to start at age 64, your benefit will be cut by about 17% from what you'd get by waiting until your FRA to claim. And, if you are

married, that smaller benefit is what your widow's survivor benefit would be based upon if you die first.

Anytime Social Security benefits are claimed before you have reached your full retirement age, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which, if you are working, limits how much you can earn before Social Security takes back some of your benefits. For 2021, the annual earnings limit is \$18,960, and if that is exceeded, they will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. The earnings test applies until you reach your FRA, after which there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn. In your specific situation, if you were to claim for your benefits to start mid-year (e.g., in May at age 64), you would be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1,580 for the remaining months of 2021, and if you exceed that monthly limit in any month, you won't be entitled to any benefits for that month. Then in 2022 you'll be subject to the annual limit, which isn't yet published but will be slightly more than the 2021 limit.

Exceeding the earnings limit means that Social Security will make you repay some of your benefits and, unless you make special arrangements to do otherwise, they will withhold future benefits until they recover what you owe. That means going without benefits for some months, and if you have a spouse or other dependent(s) collecting on your record, their benefits will also be suspended for that amount of time.

So, as you can see there is no one simple answer to your question of when the best time is to claim Social Security. But a careful look at your personal circumstances relative to the above information should help you make that decision.

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Holyoke Farmers Market kicks off

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Farmers’ Market kicked off last Saturday on Race Street, between Appleton St. and Dwight St. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market will run every Saturday and conclude on the Oct. 16. Entrance to the market can be found at the intersection of Appleton St and Race St. The market will continue to closely follow all COVID-19 regulations and restrictions prescribed by the Holyoke Board of Health and State.

Customers can expect to see a large variety of foods from potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, fruits, to an array of cheeses and meats from existing vendors such as D&R Farm and Atlas Farm, and additionally

from our 14 new vendors! This season the Holyoke Farmers’s Market is also welcoming various non-food vendors such as Terra Pots who sells plants, Bath Thyme Soap Shop, Blu Angel Flame who sells Candles, and NA Brews, who produce non-alcoholic beverages. Food Trucks will be lined up at the market as well, as the market welcomes Mr. ICE, Mr. Whippey, and Crave Food Truck.

The Market is equipped to accept SNAP/EBT as well as HIP, a statewide program which offers SNAP participants an automatic rebate when they purchase fruits and vegetables from participating Massachusetts farms. If a customer has an EBT

card, they automatically have \$40 in free farmers’ market money towards fruits and vegetables! “Not many people know about HIP, and how when they come to the market they have free money to spend which benefits both the local farms and the customer,” explains Charlie Henzel, Market Manager.

The Holyoke Farmers Market is a collaborative market between the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce and the Holyoke Food and Equity Collective. Through this collaboration, the market has seen remarkable growth and interest among the Holyoke community, with the ultimate goal of increasing food access in Holyoke.



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per kilowatt hour.

But following public comments and the tabling of the issue, Mayor William Sapelli came back with an amendment of 60 cents.

“We have seven charging stations and we want to get use out of them,” said Mercadante at the March 15 meeting. “Bottom line is where is the happy medium? We want to encourage use of electric cars but we don’t want the taxpayers subsidizing the cost. But right now, they are, they are subsidizing them at 100 percent. “If you’re going to grow this use, you can’t price them out.”

Councilor Paul Cavallo was against lowering the cost any further.

“I think its fair,” said Cavallo. “I don’t want the town to have to encumber any more expenses.”

Cavallo also said the town has to cover the cost if the charging stations break down or are vandalized or harmed in any way.

“They have some insurance,” said Cavallo. “But not much. So that’s a cost we

don’t know anything about.”

Cavallo made the point that the town only has a few dozen electric cars in town right now. Therefore, he questioned whether the rest of the use would be coming from.

“My thought is to let it go for a year and monitor it (the use),” said Cavallo. “And then see if Eversource will concede and lower our cost.”

Councilor Gerry Smith said electric car users also get other rebates and benefits. He believes the town is offering a convenience with the charging stations and the users should be able to handle paying for it.

The electric vehicle charging stations are located at School Street Park, Borgatti Field, Shea Park, the Agawam Public Library, Agawam Senior Center, and Agawam High School.

According to the press release, the user fee “is intended to partially cover the town’s costs to operate the stations, which includes the cost of the electricity, network subscription fees, and maintenance.”

Previously, there was no charge to use the stations.

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borrowing \$30 million to build a public safety complex in FY2026.

Councilor George Bitzas expressed while he supports the police and fire departments, he believes sufficient funds have been spent on the current facilities, and with rising taxes and costs, a public safety complex is a luxury the town does not need right now.

Sapelli respectfully disagreed, specifically citing the age of Agawam Police Headquarters.

“We have a police station that was retro-

fitted from a school,” said Sapelli. “This is not meeting our needs.”

Sapelli said a larger facility is needed for the fire department.

“This is a long time coming,” said Sapelli. “It’s been kicked down the road for 20, 30 years, and its time it should be on there and we should take it seriously.”

A few councilors expressed disappointment there was nothing in the capital program to address the Southwest Sewer Project. Sapelli recently addressed the sewer project in last week’s Agawam Advertiser News.

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well as installing and replacing sidewalks throughout town.

The new director will have other challenges to face over the next few years, including the need to make improvements to the town’s infrastructure. The town needs to make repairs and upgrades to the existing sewer systems. There are numerous roads and sidewalks in need of repairs and replacement, as well as other intersections

that are in need of improvements. Mazza will be tasked with prioritizing the projects and getting the most out of limited funding for road resurfacing and replacement.

Also ongoing, the town must figure out how it will comply with federal stormwater regulations. There has been talk in recent years about the possibility of needing to impose a stormwater utility with fees for town residents to address the requirements of the regulations, but that utility has not come to fruition.

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1. A group of sheep
5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team’s best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. “Heat” director
23. In all places
26. Made improvements to
30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of “seat”
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
34. Approval

CLUES DOWN
1. Garden tools
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
50. Flightless, fast-running bird
51. After the seventh
56. Small N. Zealand tree
57. Health care pro (abbr.)
58. Playground mainstay
59. Expressing relief
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
61. Fishing net
62. Beer
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES ACROSS
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure

CLUES DOWN
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just “play”
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree
43. Sea eagles
44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
52. Disco act: Bee ___
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China

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Color guard concludes successful season

AGAWAM – Since the end of February, the Agawam High School Winter Color Guard was working hard on their color guard show to be able to compete and represent Agawam not only locally, but nationally. Agawam's Winter Color Guard has competed in the state of Massachusetts nearly every winter for the past five years. They have traveled to Salem for the state finals every year, winning their class in 2017. Their season was cut short by COVID last year. During the month of March, while practicing twice a week at the Junior High School gym, the group perfected their routine. They did run-throughs of their show that were recorded to be submitted to their local Circuit, New England Scholastic Band Association and to Winter Guard International. (Winter Guard International is the national circuit for winter color guard groups.) This is impressive as the Agawam Winter Color Guard has not competed nationally in recent years. The students worked very hard in a short amount of time to make this happen. They competed against other high schools from across the country, and received feedback from judges who were from different parts of the country as well. The Agawam Winter Color Guard received very positive feedback from those judges.

The Winter Color Guard would like to thank their guard director, Ms. Stephanie Keenan, the High School band director, Mr. William Hueglin, and the Agawam High School Band Parents Association for their support this season. The students are looking forward to next year's season!



The Agawam High School Winter Color Guard practices its routine during the winter.

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The color guard had its season cut short last year.

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The 2021 AHS Winter Color Guard.

COVID-19 testing extended to Sept.

HOLYOKE – Free “Stop the Spread” COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College has been extended through September, according to the Holyoke Board of Health.

Drive-through testing at HCC is conducted six days a week in parking lot H near the western entrance to the Donahue Building on the college's main campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

However, effective June 1, testing will move to Parking Lot M by the Bartley Center for Athletics & Recreation on the opposite side of campus.

Wait times for tests are not nearly as long as they used to be, according to site administrators, with only a handful of vehicles lined up at the busiest times.

HCC has been serving as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site since last August to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Drivers are asked to enter the campus from Home-

stead Avenue, turn left onto the Campus Road and proceed to parking lot H (or to parking lot M after June 1). There are signs and parking attendants on site to help guide traffic.

The HCC testing site is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Testing is free to all Massachusetts residents and conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no appointments and no referral is necessary. Turn-around time for results is typically four days or fewer.

Testing may sometimes be cancelled due to inclement weather. Be sure to visit the Holyoke Board of Health website for up-to-date information on cancellations: <https://www.holyoke.org/departments/board-of-health>.

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Nina Liquori sends a pass across to a teammate.



Isabella McGregor sets to make a pass.



Ashley Hurley takes a shot on goal.

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Brownies fall in OT

WILBRAHAM – It took overtime and a goal that did not count, but Minnechaug girls lacrosse defeated Agawam 8-7 last Thursday night. Sydney Harrison had four goals and two assists for Minnechaug and Emily DeGeorge and Alexis Hurlley had three goals each for the Brownies. Minnechaug is 4-1 this season while Agawam is 4-2.



Elizabeth Santore advances up the field.



Emily DeGeorge circles the goal, looking for a spot to shoot.

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RACING

Buffone picks up another win at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Teen sensation Cam Curtis stayed red-hot Saturday, May 22, at Monadnock Speedway, storming to his third Late Model Sportsman feature win in a row. This one was special.

In the Modified main, veteran star Todd Patnode scored his first victory of the young season. Street Stock ace Chris Buffone earned his third 2021 victory lap, Mini Stock ace Ray King used his second win to move all alone to the top of the points parade, and Nick Houle rocked the Pure Stocks for his first win this year.

Young Gun Aaliyah Tacy made her own memories Saturday on the high banks, earning her first career victory.

It was only a year ago that someone dominated the LMS field like Cam Curtis is doing right now at Monadnock. That someone was, of course, Aaron

Fellows. But while the Croydon star was 40 and had more than two decades of racing experience under his belt. Curtis is only 15.

Cory Plummer and Robert Hagar led the 23-car LMS lineup to the green as the 52-lap Dean Smith Memorial event got underway. Plummer led lap one but was then dumped from the point, with Exeter, N.H. hot shoe Frankie Eldredge then taking charge on the ensuing restart.

With a \$1,300 winner's purse and lots of lap money up for grabs, Eldredge kept the cash coming in for the next 23 laps, but Curtis, then done with conserving his tires, rocketed to the front, dominating the final 28 go-rounds to top the prestigious Smith Memorial event.

The win helped Curtis ex-

SOFTBALL

Three-run push lifts Agawam over Minnechaug

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM – The Agawam varsity softball team did not have very much trouble defeating Minnechaug in the season opener on May 7. The second meeting of the regular season between the Valley League rivals was a much closer affair.

With the score tied 1-1 entering the top of the seventh inning, the Brownies scored three runs without the benefit of a base hit, and celebrated a 4-1 road win, last Thursday afternoon.

The road victory pushed the Brownies record over the .500 mark at 3-2, while the Lady Falcons record dropped to 1-4.

Agawam head coach Kathy Georgina, who was the 2019 MIAA Softball Coach of the Year,

has been battling against Minnechaug head coach Rob Baroni on the softball diamond for many years. She knew that her team probably wouldn't be posting another 12-0 shutout victory against the Lady Falcons like they did in the season opener.

"Rob is a great softball coach, and I knew that he would have his team ready to play us today," Georgina said. "They've definitely improved a lot since the first game of the season. Their pitcher was outstanding in the first six innings."

Despite the setback, Baroni was pleased with his team's effect in last Thursday's contest.

"We only have two returning varsity players this year. We also didn't have any scrimmages before our season opener, and we just made a lot of mistakes in that

game," Baroni said. "I thought we played much better against them in today's game. I'm hoping that we can keep improving in every game that we play."

The two teams are scheduled to meet each other for the third time at Agawam High School on June 3. All of the softball teams in the Valley League are scheduled to face each other three times during the regular season, which the Minnechaug head coach isn't very happy about.

"Our schedule this year is the worst that I've seen it since I've been coaching here," Baroni said. "We've never faced the same team in our league three times during the regular season before. You usually try to avoid that situation, but for some unknown reason,

Sports

Hicks gets assist in Pioneers draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Connor Hicks, of Monson, assisted on the Pioneers only goal against the Phantoms with 10 minutes remaining in regulation tying the score at 1-1. It wound up being the final score of last Friday night’s home match.

“I’ve been playing soccer for this team for two years and it felt very nice to be a starter in front of the home fans for the first time,” said Hicks following the match. “It was a hard-fought battle tonight, and it was a good game for our fans to watch.”

Hicks, who’s also a member of the AIC men’s soccer team, was one of the Pioneers starting defenders, along with Nicholas Obbrauch, who’s from Rome, Italy, Carlos Emery, who’s from Paysandu, Uruguay, and Federico Gutierrez, who’s from Montevideo, Uruguay. Guillermo Deal and Maxi Viera, who’s the Pioneers captain, are also from Montevideo, Uruguay.

“I’m the only defender who doesn’t speak Spanish which makes it a little bit difficult at times back there,” Hicks said. “I’m learning a lot from those guys and it’s a lot of fun playing soccer with them.”

Hicks had his own rooting section at last Friday’s match. “My family have been my biggest supporters since I began playing soccer 19 years ago. They haven’t missed very many of my games. The atmosphere at the stadium is always very special. Everyone enjoys coming here and they always have a good time.”

Hicks, who graduated from Monson High School in 2017, was a five-year member of the boys varsity soccer team. He helped the Mustangs win back-to-back Division 4 state championship titles in 2015 and 2016. Hicks, who was the hero of the 2016 state finals against Cohasset, scored a total of 32 goals during the final two seasons of his varsity career. He has scored a handful of goals at AIC where he’s a midfielder.

“I normally play on the right wing at AIC,” Hicks said. “I’ve started at right back in the last two matches for the Pioneers. I’m used to playing on that side of the field and I’ll play any position that coach (Federico) Molinari wants me to play. I really enjoy being a member of this soccer team.”

Molinari appreciates Hicks’s dedication, and he earned his starting position.

“Even though he didn’t get very much playing time last season (2019), Conner didn’t miss any practices,” Molinari said. “He’s been working very hard so far this season and deserves to be one of the starters. He has really improved a lot.”

Hicks made his first career start on May 15 in the Pioneers 1-0 shutout win at FC Malaga City, which is a new USL League Two club this season from Lagrangeville, New York.

The Pioneers had a 1-1-1 overall record following the home opener. They lost to the Boston Bolts in another road match in the season opener.

During the 30th minute of last Friday’s home opener, it looked like Seacoast would be taking a 1-0 lead Mullen

made an outstanding diving save on the low shot attempt by Frantz Pierrot and managed to deflect the ball away. Mullen was credited with a total of four saves.

The Pioneers had a couple of chances late in the half, but the contest was still scoreless at the break.

The Phantoms, who arrived in Ludlow with a 2-0-0 season record, took a 1-0 lead following a free kick during the 69th minute. The free kick was taken from the right side-line by Jamie Davis and the ball sailed to the far post where Maxwell Murray booted it into the right corner of the goal.

A little more than ten minutes later, Hicks sent a pass into the box where Patrick Agyemang knocked it into the right corner of the goal tying the score.

“I crossed the ball into the box to Pat and he finished off the play by scoring a goal,” Hicks said. “It was actually my first career point as a member of the Pioneers.”

Agyemang, who’s from East Hartford, Connecticut, entered the match during the 73rd minute.

It was his first goal of the season. Ignacio Lerech, who’s from Tucman, Argentina, netted the Pioneers goal late in the second half against FC Malaga City.

With a little more than five minutes remaining, a shot attempt by Gabriel Ganzer, who’s a first-year Pioneers player from Taquarucu do Sul, Brazil was saved by Seacoast goalie Christian Garner.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play two more road matches against AC Connecticut (May 26) and Seacoast United (May 29) before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium on June 4 to face FC Malaga City.

MONADNOCK ■ from page 7

pand his points lead after four nights of racing. Eldredge completed his strong night’s work in second, while Austin Brehio’s race-long solid performance netted him third on the night.

There was no full moon Saturday looking down on Monadnock Speedway, a fact perhaps misunderstood by a portion of the Modified field. It took six cautions to get their 40-lapper completed.

Todd Patnode, charging from row six, took the lead from Kimmy Rivet on lap 19 and sailed off to his first win of the season. Cory Plummer passed Tyler Leary with the white flag in the air to come home second.

Street Stock powerhouse Chris Buffone edged past Tim Wenzel on lap ten and then held him in his shadow the rest of the way to score his third 2021 victory. With Wenzel strong in second, two-time 2020 winner Hillary Renaud came home third.

A week ago, Mini Stock rockers Gordon Farnum and Ray King sat on row five, with Farnum then blasting to victory. This week, with the potent pair now tied atop the points parade, they again started side-by-side in row five.

This time, it was King scoring the easy win. Cody Leblanc – all the way from Bethlehem, N.H., more than three hours away – was strong in second, and Kevin Cormier came home third. Farnum finished sixth on Saturday.

Pure Stocker Nick Houle finished off his impressive weekend by winning Saturday’s 25-lapper. Third the night before at Claremont, Houle went tooth-and-nail with JD Stockwell over their last ten trips around the high banks

to score the win.

Stockwell, rock solid all night, earned the runner-up hardware, with Kyle Robinson Newell impressive in third, just ahead of division strongman Chris Davis. Chris Higbee rounded out the top five after leading the first 15 laps.

Aaliyah Tacy kept Fast Eddie Petruskevicius in her shadow all the way to score her first-ever Young Guns victory. Teagan Edson was third under the checkers in her first career race.

Next Saturday, May 29, Monadnock Speedway will celebrate Memorial Day weekend with a special Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper, NHSTRA Modifieds, and much more. Post time is 7 p.m.

Monadnock Speedway May 22 official results:

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MINI STOCKS: Ray King, Cody Leblanc, Kevin Corm-

ier, Louie Maher, Kevin Clayton, Gordron Farnum, Kevin McKnight, Jeff Asselin, Mike Douglas, Jake Puchalski. 11. 57X-Patrick Houle, 15C-Trevor Carey, William Chaffee, Robert Kirker, Richard Whipple, Matthew Lambert, De-ion Russell, Christopher Grove, (DNS) Josh Wright, (DNS) Ethan Marsh

PURE STOCKS: Nick Houle, JD Stockwell, Kyle Robinson Newell, Chris Davis, Chris Higbee, Jake Bosse, Jason LeRay, Kevin Willey, Jimmy Zellman, Damien Houle, 33-Tim Shepard, Brianna Patnode, Carter Chamberlin, James Decourey, Dakota Lanou, Reagan Buffum, Ryan Lawliss, Brittany Patnode, Cory Lofland, Damon Roy, (DNS) Steven Zebrowski

YOUNG GUNS: Aaliyah Tacy, Eddie Petruskevicius, Teagan Edson, Jeff Moffat Jr., Eddie Gomarlo.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Todd Patnode picked up the win last Saturday night in the modified race.

PUSH ■ from page 7

our league schedule maker did it on purpose. I’m not very happy about it.”

The only two base hits allowed by Minnechaug freshman righthander Mackenzie Blair in the second meeting of the season against Agawam were singles by sophomore DP McKenna Wheeler. Blair also had 11 strikeouts and walked five batters.

Agawam senior righty Sarah Ross pitched a little bit

better and was the winning pitcher. She allowed only one run on five base hits with eight strikeouts, and she didn’t issue any walks. Ross stranded seven runners in scoring position.

“The first time that we faced Minnechaug, Sarah pitched a one-hitter,” Georgina said. “She pitched another good game against them today.”

At the plate, Ross, who’ll be joining the women’s cross-country team at UMass-Lowell in the fall, reached base four times without the benefit of a base hit.

The Brownies also left five runners in scoring position during the first six innings, so Georgina decided to shake things up a little bit in the top of the seventh inning.

“I just wanted to change things up in the last inning,” Georgina said. “Both of our pinch hitters were able to get on base, which was huge for us. After we scored those three runs, we were much more relaxed in the bottom of the seventh.”

Junior Erin Pajak, who pinch hit leading off the inning, swung at a strike three pitch and she reached first base on a passed ball. Pajak was replaced by junior Rebecca Littlehale, who was the starting third baseman and had previously batted in that spot. Littlehale used her speed to advance to second on a passed ball and went to third on a wild pitch. She would score the go-ahead run on another wild pitch that skipped to the backstop.

Agawam’s other pinch hitter in the frame was sophomore Lauren Champigny, who drew a walk and scored on a ground ball out by sophomore centerfielder Samantha Wheeler. Ross also walked and scored an insurance run on a passed ball.

With one-out in the bottom of the seventh, Minnechaug junior left fielder Camryn Baroni grounded a single up the middle into center field. Ross retired the next two batters on a flyout and a groundout for the final two outs of the game.

Ross leadoff the top of the first inning by reaching first base on a swinging third strike and a wild pitch. She then stole her first of three bases.

“Sarah is the state champion in the two-mile run,” Georgina said. “That’s why I don’t pinch run for her very often.”

Following a perfect sacrifice bunt by sophomore left-fielder Lynn Jang, Ross scored the game’s first run when Samantha Wheeler grounded out to the shortstop.

The home team tied the score two innings later.

Senior second baseman Kayla White (2-for-4) began the Lady Falcons rally with one-out by beating out an infield hit. After stealing second base, White scored the tying run on a hard ground ball single into right field by Blair, who had two hits in the game. Then junior catcher Madison Coite reached on a fielding error by the second baseman and stole second, which put two runners into scoring position.

Ross ended that threat by recording her fifth strikeout.

The Lady Falcons also had two runners in scoring position in the fifth and sixth innings, but they failed to score the go-ahead run.

The Brownies had a golden opportunity to take the lead with one-out in the top of the fifth. They had runners at second and third, but Blair got out of that jam with a pop-up to second and a strikeout.

The Brownies managed to push three runs across the plate in their final at-bats of the game.

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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, on TR-2021-34, the proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on May 13, 2021. Anyone wishing to provide testimony during the Public Hearing on TR-2021-34 may do so joining the Zoom webinar as shown below. Calls must be made at 7:25 P.M. to provide testimony. If you plan to testify at this Public Hearing please email Barbara Bard at bbard@agawam.ma.us before 5:00pm to register. This remote public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. TR-2021-34 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

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City Council President
05/20, 05/27/2021

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

Docket No. HD21P0918EA

Estate of:

Kodi Patrik Kelly

Also known as:

Kodi P Kelly

Date of Death: 05/02/2020

CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Dean Edmunds** of Agawam, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Scott E Skolnick of Feeding Hills, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/16/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 19, 2021

Rosemary A Saccomani

Register of Probate

05/27/2021

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Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
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(413)748-7758**

Docket No. HD21P0952EA

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Date of Death: 05/03/2020

CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Anh N. Le** of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Anh N. Le** of Feeding Hills, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 20, 2021

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05/27/2020

**Commonwealth of
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Hampden Division
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD21P0900EA

Estate of:

Dorothy M Plante

Also Known As:

Dorothy Marion Plante

Date of Death: 4/12/2021

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Craig E Plante** of Feeding Hills, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Craig E Plante of Feeding Hills, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and

accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 05/27/2021

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Auditorium at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Agawam Mayor William Sapelli on a proposed zoning amendment to Section 147 of Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (TOR-2021-2). Anyone wishing to provide testimony during the Public Hearing on TOR-2021-2 may do so by joining the Zoom webinar as shown below. Calls must be made at **7:05 P.M.** to provide testimony. If you plan to testify at this Public Hearing please email Barbara Bard at bbard@agawam.ma.us before 5:00pm to register. This remote

public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. TOR-2021-2 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

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amendment to Section 124 of Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (TOR-2021-3). Anyone wishing to provide testimony during the Public Hearing on TOR-2021-3 may do so joining the Zoom webinar as shown below. Calls must be made at **7:15 P.M.** to provide testimony. If you plan to testify at this Public Hearing please email Barbara Bard at bbard@agawam.ma.us before 5:00pm to register. This remote public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. TOR-2021-3 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

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DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$169,639	\$9,100	\$500		\$179,239
Mayor	\$380,305	\$2,500			\$382,805
Administrative Building	\$25,102	\$171,875			\$196,977
Law Department	\$119,106	\$57,000			\$176,106
Auditor	\$167,576	\$910			\$168,486
Clerk/Elections	\$276,568	\$5,735			\$282,303
Assessor	\$185,084	\$114,196			\$299,280
IT Department	\$194,586	\$127,351	\$22,700		\$344,637
Treasurer-Collector	\$323,580	\$27,060	\$4,800		\$355,440
Police Department	\$5,663,592	\$347,530	\$106,175	\$195,074	\$6,312,371
Fire Department	\$4,270,286	\$128,560	\$55,250		\$4,454,096
Inspection Services	\$258,570	\$11,523			\$270,093
Health Department	\$865,467	\$5,750	\$4,050		\$875,267
Community Development	\$218,253	\$1,200			\$219,453
Agawam Public Library	\$1,049,884	\$6,625	\$124,122		\$1,180,631
Parks & Recreation	\$205,516	\$33,100	\$1,000	\$4,100	\$243,716
Council on Aging	\$371,032	\$85,932	\$1,500		\$458,464
Public Works Administration	\$127,273	\$3,800	\$50		\$131,123
Highway & Grounds	\$1,672,230	\$497,125	\$462,125		\$2,631,480
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$151,390	\$110,345	\$387,120		\$648,855
Engineering	\$138,746	\$23,292	\$1,200		\$163,238
Building Maintenance	\$2,690,881	\$1,623,601	\$155,522	\$25,400	\$4,495,404
Agawam Public Schools					\$47,830,861
Emergency Management	\$26,150	\$15,500			\$41,650
Line Items					\$27,105,023
TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$99,446,998
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					\$1,150,575
TOTAL GENERAL FUND					\$100,597,573
SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS					
Agawam Municipal Golf Course	\$445,257	\$155,479	\$161,250	\$0	\$761,986
Agawam Municipal Golf Course Equipment				\$0	\$86,500
Agawam Municipal Golf Course Total					\$848,486
Water Department	\$1,100,911	\$4,082,374	\$722,729	\$0	\$5,906,014
Water Capital Improvement Budget				\$239,700	\$239,700
Water Total					\$6,145,714
Wastewater Department	\$686,474	\$3,219,342	\$95,239	\$0	\$4,001,055
Wastewater Capital Improvement Budget				\$47,174	\$47,174
Wastewater Total					\$4,048,229
TOTAL - SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS					\$11,042,429
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND AND SELF SUSTAINING DEPARTMENTS					\$111,640,002
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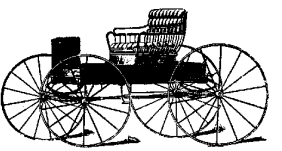
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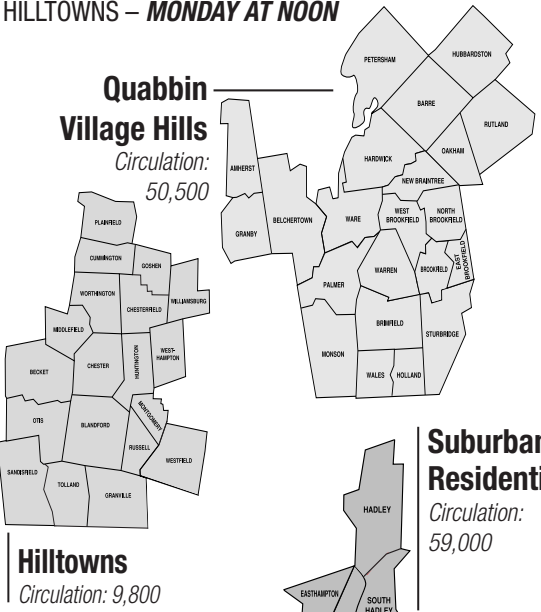
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Thank you!

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Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICE DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS
Agawam Public Schools Special Education records from the 2013-2014 school year will be destroyed after July 9, 2021. Any person(s) who have graduated, aged out, moved out of Agawam or has been dismissed from Special Services during the 2013-2014 school year may sign a release and pick up their special education file at the Agawam Special Education Department, 760 Cooper Street Agawam, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. before July 9th. If you have any questions please call Nicole Brady at 413-726-1658 or email NBrady@aga-wamed.org.
05/20, 05/27/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD19P2228GD
In the interests of:
Alice A MacDonald
Of: Agawam, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
EXPAND THE
POWERS OF
A GUARDIAN
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jewish Family Service of W Mass of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:
Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the

return date of 06/08/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this

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Date: May 11, 2021
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/27/2021

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EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Memorial Day, PUBLIC NOTICES EARLY AD DEADLINE

Place your public notice no later than NOON

Friday, May 28

– Thank you!

Storowton presents new teen leadership experience

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Storowton Village Museum will embark on an exciting new program and networking opportunity for high school students in August – the Teen Leadership Experience – which will run the first two weeks of the month, Tuesday to Friday from 9:30am to 4:15pm. This innovative new program is able to run thanks to the generous financial support of the Country School Association of America (CSAA).

The Teen Leadership Experience will allow participants to build skills as future leaders, young professionals, and public history advocates, engaging students in an exper-

iential way virtual schooling over the past year has not. The program will utilize the book and assessment tool “Clifton Strengths for Students” to guide leadership skill building and team dynamics. During the first week of the program, students will have the opportunity to work in two different areas of interest and will choose one track to focus upon and create a project during week two. Students will learn leadership skills and meet community leaders influenced by public history, in tandem with their historic studies and projects during the second week.

- **Week 1:** Students select a morning track (Blacksmithing: Basics of the Trade or Open Hearth Cooking: From Fire to Table) and afternoon track (STEM: Small Machines 19th Century to Today or Textiles: Cloth Production to Clothing Design). Students will learn foundational skills in the historic subjects as well as leadership and professional skills. By the end of the first week, students will identify one area of focus for the second week.
- **Week 2:** Students complete a project in their preferred track from week 1. They will also spend more time refining their leadership style to help them understand how their strengths can align with their ability to be a strong leader. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to begin

putting their professional skills into action by meeting with community leaders who can share how their connection to public history has helped them progress in their chosen careers and the community at large.

“As we reignite our museum programs following our closure during the pandemic we are thrilled to have the growth of future leaders in public history at the forefront of our rebuilding. We are so grateful for our collaboration with local leaders, including Stan Svec, Chair of the History Department at West Springfield High School, to bring this program, many years in the making, to fruition,” said Jessica K. Fontaine, Director of Storowton Village Museum.

All students, public, private, or home schooled, are eligible to apply, however, priority consideration will be given to West Springfield residents. There is no GPA requirement, though prospective participants must submit one reference from a teacher or other non-family leader, such as a coach or other mentor during the application process. Students must apply by June 15, West Springfield resident applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis; all other applicants will be considered following the application deadline. If accepted a \$25 fee will apply to participate and supplements basic supply costs now covered through a grant from CSAA.

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Fans of The Big E Cream Puff and Éclair will be able to stop by and pick up their favorite treats at the Bakery drive-up window. Prices are as follows: Cream Puffs and Eclairs, \$5; 3-packs, \$14; 6-packs, \$25 (any combination). To add ganache topping on Cream Puffs, add \$1 each. The option to pre-order online is coming soon.

Picking up the pastries is easy – Enter the grounds at the Exposition's Gate 2, take an immediate left down the Fair's Hampden Avenue, and a right at the Fire Station to the Bakery window.

The safety of our patrons is of the utmost importance and all local and state guidelines in place at the time of pick-up will be followed. Guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles at all times and wear face masks or coverings

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